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Item 3 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

Provisional agenda and annotations

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) will be convened from 14 to 16 April 2015 at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, pursuant to paragraph 9 (c) of General Assembly resolution 67/216, paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 69/226 and the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee at its first session. The Committee will review the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference.

1. **Opening of the session**

   Opening statements will be made by the Co-Chairs of the Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference.

2. **Election of officers**

   The Preparatory Committee will consider any changes to the Bureau should the need arise.

3. **Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

   The Preparatory Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document. The draft programme of work for the second session of the Committee is set out in the annex.

4. **Preparations for the Conference**

   The Secretary-General of the Conference will report on the activities undertaken by the secretariat in preparation for the Conference and on an outline of work to be carried out in the period between April 2015 and the holding of the Conference in 2016. The Preparatory Committee will be invited to recommend the provisional draft agenda, the provisional programme of work and elements for the outcome document(s) of the Conference.

5. **Organizational matters**

   The Preparatory Committee will be invited to recommend the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference for adoption and to consider nominations for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the Conference.

6. **Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda**

   Member States will make presentations on the implementation of the outcomes of Habitat II and on new and emerging challenges of the New Urban Agenda. A series of issue papers will also be prepared by the secretariat, in consultation with the bureau of the Preparatory Committee, to assist the discussions.

7. **Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee**

   The Preparatory Committee will consider proposals relating to arrangements for its third and final session.

8. **Other matters**

   The Preparatory Committee will take up other matters.

9. **Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session**

   The Preparatory Committee should adopt the report on the work of its second session at its closing meeting on 16 April.

10. **Conclusion of the session**

    The Preparatory Committee will conclude its second session with closing statements by the Co-Chairs of the Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference.

Annex

Draft programme of work for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

Date/time	*Agenda item/programme*
Tuesday, 14 April 2015	
Morning	Plenary
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1. Opening of the session
	2. Election of officers
	3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work
	5. Organizational matters
	4. Preparations for the Conference
	6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda (general exchange of views)
Afternoon	Plenary
3 p.m.–6 p.m.	6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda (general exchange of views) (continued)
	Working Group
	5 (a). Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference
	5 (b). Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
	4. Preparations for the Conference (draft documents and outcome of Habitat III)
Wednesday, 15 April 2015	
Morning	Plenary
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda (general exchange of views) (continued)
	Working Group
	5 (a). Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference
	5 (b). Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
	4. Preparations for the Conference (draft documents and outcome of Habitat III)

Date/time	*Agenda item/programme*
Afternoon 3 p.m.–6 p.m.	Plenary 6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda (general exchange of views) (continued) Working Group 5 (a). Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference 5 (b). Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) 4. Preparations for the Conference (draft documents and outcome of Habitat III) 7. Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee
Thursday, 16 April 2015	
Morning 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Plenary 6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda (general exchange of views) (continued) Working Group 5 (a). Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference 5 (b). Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) 4. Preparations for the Conference (draft documents and outcome of Habitat III) 7. Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee
Afternoon 3 p.m.–6 p.m.	Plenary Report of the Working Group on items 4, 5 (a) and 7 8. Other matters 9. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session 10. Conclusion of the second session

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Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters: provisional rules of procedure of the Conference

Draft provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

Note by the secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/207, decided to hold the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in 2016.

2. The draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference are set out in the annex to the present note. They have been prepared on the basis of the provisional rules of procedure of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/2), the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (A/CONF.224/PC(I)/3), the provisional rules of procedure on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (A/CONF.216/2) and the rules of procedure of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (A/CONF.223/2).

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Annex

Draft provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

I. Representation and credentials

Rule 1
Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Union shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Rule 2
Alternates and advisers

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Rule 3
Submission of credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat of the Conference, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Rule 4
Credentials Committee

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its seventieth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

Rule 5
Provisional participation in the Conference

Pending a decision of the Conference upon their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Conference.

II. Officers

Rule 6
Elections

The Conference shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, [ ] Vice-Presidents[†] and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General, and the Chair of the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee, the composition of which shall be in accordance with rule 11. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

[†] [ ] from each of the following groups: African States; Asia-Pacific States; Eastern European States; Latin American and Caribbean States; and Western European and other States.

Rule 7
General powers of the President

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Conference, declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The President shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Conference the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each participant in the Conference may speak on a question, the adjournment or the closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his/her functions, remains under the authority of the Conference.

Rule 8
Acting President

1. If the President is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he/she shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his/her place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Rule 9
Replacement of the President

If the President is unable to perform his/her functions, a new President shall be elected.

Rule 10
Voting rights of the President

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote, but shall appoint another member of his/her delegation to vote in his/her place.

III. General Committee

Rule 11
Composition

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General and the Chair of the Main Committee shall constitute the General Committee. The President or, in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him/her, shall serve as Chair of the General Committee. The Chair of the Credentials Committee and other Committees established by the Conference in accordance with rule 48 may participate, without the right to vote, in the General Committee.

Rule 12
Substitute members

If the President or a Vice-President of the Conference is to be absent during a meeting of the General Committee, he/she may designate a member of his/her delegation to sit and vote in the Committee. In case of absence, the Chair of a Main Committee shall designate the Vice-Chair of that Committee as his/her substitute. When serving on the General Committee, a Vice-Chair of a Main Committee shall not have the right to vote if he/she is of the same delegation as another member of the General Committee.

Rule 13
Functions

The General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Conference and, subject to the decisions of the Conference, shall ensure the coordination of its work.

IV. Secretariat of the Conference

Rule 14
Duties of the Secretary-General of the Conference

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations or his designated representative shall act in the capacity of Secretary-General of the Conference in all meetings of the Conference and its subsidiary organs.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations may designate a member of the secretariat to act in his place at such meetings.

3. The Secretary-General of the United Nations or his designated representative shall direct the staff required by the Conference.

Rule 15
Duties of the secretariat

The secretariat of the Conference shall, in accordance with these rules:

(a) Provide simultaneous interpretation of speeches made at meetings;

(b) Receive, translate, reproduce and circulate the documents of the Conference;

(c) Publish and circulate the official documents of the Conference;

(d) Prepare and circulate records of public meetings;

(e) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings;

(f) Arrange for the custody and preservation of the documents of the Conference in the archives of the United Nations;

(g) Generally perform all other work that the Conference may require.

Rule 16
Statements by the secretariat

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or any member of the secretariat designated for that purpose, may at any time make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. Opening of the Conference

Rule 17
Temporary President

The Secretary-General of the United Nations or, in his absence, any member of the secretariat designated by him for that purpose, shall open the first meeting of the Conference and preside until the Conference has elected its President.

Rule 18
Decisions concerning organization

The Conference shall, at its first meeting:

(a) Adopt its rules of procedure;

(b) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary organs;

(c) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Conference;

(d) Decide on the organization of its work.

VI. Conduct of business

Rule 19
Quorum

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the representatives of the States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Rule 20
Speeches

1. No one may address the Conference without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 21, 22 and 25 to 27, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The secretariat shall be in charge of drawing up a list of speakers.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Conference, and the President may call a speaker to order if his/her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The Conference may limit the time allowed to each speaker and the number of times each participant may speak on any question. Permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. In any event, with the consent of the Conference, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him/her to order without delay.

Rule 21
Points of order

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Rule 22
Precedence

The Chair or Rapporteur of the Main Committee, or the representative of a subcommittee or working group, may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the body concerned.

Rule 23
Closing of the list of speakers

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Conference, declare the list closed.

Rule 24
Right of reply

1. Notwithstanding rule 23, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Conference or of the European Union who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply.

2. The statements made under this rule shall normally be made at the end of the last meeting of the day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the relevant item if that is sooner.

3. The representatives of a State or of the European Union may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Rule 25
Adjournment of debate

A representative of any State participating in the Conference may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour and two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Rule 26
Closure of debate

A representative of any State participating in the Conference may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his/her wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Rule 27
Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Subject to rule 38, a representative of any State participating in the Conference may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Rule 28
Order of motions

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

(a) To suspend the meeting;

(b) To adjourn the meeting;

(c) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;

(d) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Rule 29
Submissions of proposals and substantive amendments

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the secretariat of the Conference, which shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall be discussed or put to a decision no earlier than 24 hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Conference to all delegations. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, even though these amendments have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

Rule 30
Withdrawal of proposals and motions

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before a decision on it has been taken, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Rule 31
Decisions on competence

Subject to rule 28, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Conference to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Rule 32
Reconsideration of proposals

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Conference, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded to only two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

VII. Decision-making

Rule 33
General agreement

The Conference shall make its best endeavours to ensure that the work of the Conference is accomplished by general agreement.

Rule 34
Voting rights

Each State participating in the Conference shall have one vote.

Rule 35
Majority required

1. Subject to rule 33, decisions of the Conference on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.

2. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, decisions of the Conference on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

3. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the President of the Conference shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling shall be put to the vote immediately, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Rule 36
Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

Rule 37
Method of voting

1. Except as provided in rule 44, the Conference shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Conference, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Conference votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Conference.

3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the Conference.

Rule 38
Conduct during voting

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Rule 39
Explanation of vote

Representatives may make brief statements, consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

Rule 40
Division of proposals

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be voted on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded to only two representatives in favour of and two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the Conference for decision as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Rule 41
Amendments

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

Rule 42
Order of voting on amendments

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Conference shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Rule 43
Order of voting on proposals

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Conference decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Conference may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted, unless the revision substantially departs from the original proposal. In that case, the original proposal shall be considered as withdrawn and the revised proposal shall be treated as a new proposal.

3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to the vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Rule 44
Elections

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

Rule 45

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places, the voting being restricted to the candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, in a number not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled.

VIII. Subsidiary bodies

Rule 46
Main Committee

The Conference may establish a Main Committee and a drafting Committee, which may be set up in accordance with the practice of other United Nations conferences.

Rule 47
Representation on a Main Committee

Each State participating in the Conference and the European Union may be represented by one representative on the Main Committee established by the Conference. It may assign to the Committee such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Rule 48
Other committees and working groups

1. In addition to the Main Committee referred to above, the Conference may establish such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

2. Subject to the decision of the plenary of the Conference, the Main Committee may set up subcommittees and working groups.

Rule 49

1. The members of the committees and working groups of the Conference, referred to in rule 48, paragraph 1, shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

2. Members of the subcommittees and working groups of committees shall be appointed by the Chair of the committee in question, subject to the approval of the committee, unless the committee decides otherwise.

Rule 50
Officers

Except as provided in rule 6 or otherwise decided, each committee, subcommittee and working group shall elect its own officers.

Rule 51
Quorum

1. The Chair of the Main Committee may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

2. A majority of the representatives of the General Committee or the Credentials Committee or of any committee, subcommittee or working group shall constitute a quorum provided that they are representatives of participating States.

Rule 52
Officers, conduct of business and voting

The rules contained in sections II, VI (except rule 19) and VII above shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of committees, subcommittees and working groups, except that:

(a) The Chairs of the General Committee and the Credentials Committee and the Chairs of the committees, subcommittees and working groups may exercise the right to vote, provided that they are representatives of participating States;

(b) Decisions of committees, subcommittees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal or an amendment shall require the majority established by rule 32.

IX. Languages and records

Rule 53
Languages of the Conference

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Conference.

Rule 54
Interpretation

1. Speeches made in a language of the Conference shall be interpreted into other such languages.

2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Conference if the delegation concerned provides for interpretation into one such language.

Rule 55
Languages of official documents

Official documents of the Conference shall be made available in the languages of the Conference.

Rule 56
Sound recordings of meetings

Sound recordings of meetings of the Conference and of the Main Committee shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference or the Main Committee, no such recordings shall be made of any of the other meetings of the Conference.

X. Public and private meetings

Rule 57
General principles

The plenary meetings of the Conference and the meetings of any committee shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise. All decisions taken by the plenary of the Conference at a private meeting shall be announced at an early public meeting of the plenary.

Rule 58

As a general rule, meetings of other bodies of the General Committee, subcommittees or working groups shall be held in private.

Rule 59
Communiqués on private meetings

At the close of a private meeting, the presiding officers of the organ concerned may issue a communiqué through the secretariat of the Conference.

XI. Other participants and observers

Rule 60
Intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices

Representatives designated by intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

Rule 61
Representatives of the specialized agencies and related organizations[‡]

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies and related organizations may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Rule 62
Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations

Save where otherwise specifically provided with respect to the European Union in these rules of procedure, representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Rule 63
Representatives of interested United Nations organs

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Rule 64
Representatives of local authorities

Representatives of local authorities accredited to the Conference may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group, on questions within the scope of their activities.

Rule 65
Representatives of non-governmental organizations[§]

1. Non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Conference may designate representatives to attend public meetings of the Conference and the Main Committee as observers.

2. Upon the invitation of the presiding officer of the body concerned and subject to the approval of the Conference, such observers may make oral statements on questions in which they have special competence. If the number of requests to speak is too large, the non-governmental organizations shall be requested to form themselves into constituencies, such constituencies to speak through spokespersons.

Rule 66
Associate members of regional commissions[**]

Representatives designated by the associate members of regional commissions listed in the relevant footnote below may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

[‡] For the purpose of these rules, the term "related organizations" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Criminal Court, the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the World Trade Organization.

[§] To define "major groups".

[**] American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Curaçao, French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, Guam, Martinique, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands.

Rule 67
Written statements

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 66 shall be circulated by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the language in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Written statements shall not be made available at the expense of the United Nations and shall not be issued as official documents.

XII. Amendment and suspension of the rules of procedure

Rule 68
Method of amendment

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Conference taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the General Committee has reported on the proposed amendment.

Rule 69
Method of suspension

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Conference provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

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Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

Note by the secretariat

I. Background

1. The General Assembly, in resolution 67/216, encouraged effective contributions from and the active participation of all relevant stakeholders, including local governments, major groups as identified in Agenda 21, the relevant United Nations funds and programmes, the regional commissions and specialized agencies, the international financial institutions and other Habitat Agenda partners, at all stages of the preparatory process for the Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and at the Conference itself.

2. In its resolution 69/226, the General Assembly emphasized the importance of the wide participation of all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities, in the promotion of sustainable urbanization and settlements and called upon Member States to ensure the effective participation in the preparatory process and in the Conference itself of local governments and all other stakeholders.

3. In the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the major groups and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as those accredited to Habitat II and the summit to be held in September 2015 for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, would register in order to participate in the Conference. The General Assembly also decided that non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work was relevant to the subject of the Conference, could participate as observers in the Conference as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, and subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee in

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plenary meeting, and that, while respecting fully the provisions contained in rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, such a decision should be made by consensus.

4. The following arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in Habitat III will apply.

II. Accreditation criteria and procedures for organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

5. Interested non-governmental organizations and major groups, including local authorities and other stakeholders, whose work is relevant to the subject of the Conference, that are currently in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and that wish to participate in the Conference or in sessions of its Preparatory Committee should pre-register on the website of the Conference (www.habitat3.org).

III. Accreditation criteria for organizations accredited to Habitat II and the summit to be held in September 2015 for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda

6. Organizations accredited to Habitat II and the summit to be held in September 2015 for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, whose work is relevant to the subject of the Conference and that wish to participate in the Conference or in sessions of its Preparatory Committee, should pre-register on the website of the Conference (www.habitat3.org).

IV. Accreditation criteria and procedures for organizations without consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

7. Those non-governmental organizations and major groups not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council but wishing to attend and to contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process may apply to the Conference secretariat for that purpose. Such special accreditation will be limited solely to the Conference and its preparatory process.

8. The application requires the submission of the following information:

(a) Name of the organization and pertinent contact information, such as address and main contact details;

(b) Purpose of the organization;

(c) Programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the Conference, indicating in which country or countries they are carried out;

(d) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international levels;

(e) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

(f) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;

(g) A description of the membership of the governing body of the organization indicating, as appropriate, the total number of members and, where applicable, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;

(h) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization;

(i) A completed online registration form.

9. The registration of municipal and other local or regional authorities can be arranged under the auspices of an accredited non-governmental organization or as members of a national delegation through its permanent mission to the United Nations.

10. The deadlines for submitting accreditation applications are as follows:

(a) Preparatory Committee, second session: 1 March 2015;

(b) Preparatory Committee, third session: 1 April 2016;

(c) Habitat III Conference: 2 May 2016.

11. Applications for special accreditation should be made online at the website of the Conference (www.habitat3.org). The Conference secretariat, with support from the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and others, as appropriate, will review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable urban development issues. If the evaluation shows, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization is competent and its activities relevant to the work of the Conference, the Conference secretariat will recommend to the Preparatory Committee, for its decision, the accreditation of the organization. In cases where such recommendation is not made, the Conference secretariat will make available to the Preparatory Committee the reasons why. The Conference secretariat will submit its recommendations to the Preparatory Committee for review and endorsement.

12. An organization that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the Preparatory Committee may attend all of its future sessions and the Conference itself.

V. Modalities for participation in the preparatory process and the Conference

Participation in sessions of the Preparatory Committee

13. Representatives of accredited organizations may address the Preparatory Committee in plenary meetings. Given the short duration of each session of the Preparatory Committee, however, it is requested that statements be made available in writing for electronic distribution.

Participation modalities at the Conference

14. Accredited organizations will have direct access to the official Conference venue. For security and safety reasons, on some days of the Conference a limit on the number of major group participants may need to be established. The Conference secretariat will inform the major groups regarding these arrangements through the Conference website.

15. A small but representative number of participants from major groups will be invited to address the Conference in plenary meetings. Individual speakers will be identified through the self-organized mechanisms of the major groups, in coordination with the President of the Conference, through the Conference secretariat.

16. At the Conference, a number of stakeholder events and activities are expected to take place. The details and topics of those events will be announced at a later date.

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Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development

Note by the secretariat**

1. The General Assembly, in resolution 67/216, encouraged effective contributions from and the active participation of all relevant stakeholders, including local governments, major groups as identified in Agenda 21, the relevant United Nations funds and programmes, the regional commissions and specialized agencies, the international financial institutions and other Habitat Agenda partners, at all stages of the preparatory process for the Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and at the Conference itself.

2. The secretariat subsequently submitted a note on the arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the Conference (A/CONF.226/PC.1/3).

3. The Preparatory Committee, at its first session, held in New York on 17 and 18 September 2014, recommended that the note by the secretariat be considered at its second session (A/CONF/226/PC.1/6, para. 14).

4. In its resolution 69/226, the General Assembly emphasized the importance of the wide participation of all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities, in the promotion of sustainable urbanization and settlements and called upon Member States to ensure effective participation in the preparatory process and in the Conference itself of local governments and all other stakeholders.

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**The present document was submitted late owing to the need for internal consultations.

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5. In the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that the major groups and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as those accredited to Habitat II and the summit to be held in September 2015 for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, would register in order to participate in the Conference. The General Assembly also decided that non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work was relevant to the subject of the Conference, could participate as observers in the Conference as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of Council resolution 1996/31, and subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting, and that, while respecting fully the provisions contained in rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, such a decision should be made by consensus.

6. Those non-governmental organizations and major groups not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council but wishing to attend and to contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process were requested to apply to the Conference secretariat for that purpose. Such special accreditation will be limited solely to the Conference and its preparatory process.

7. Applications for special accreditation were made online at the website of the Conference (www.habitat3.org). The Conference secretariat, with support from the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and others, as appropriate, reviewed the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable urban development issues. If the evaluation showed, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization was competent and its activities relevant to the work of the Conference, the Conference secretariat recommended to the Preparatory Committee, for its decision, the accreditation of the organization. In cases where such recommendation was not made, the Conference secretariat made available to the Preparatory Committee the reasons why. The Conference secretariat submitted its recommendations to the Preparatory Committee for review and endorsement.

8. An organization that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the Preparatory Committee may attend all of its future sessions and the Conference itself.

9. The Conference secretariat evaluated 33 completed application packages that were received by 15 March 2015. The list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended by the Conference secretariat is contained in the annex to the present note.

Annex

Consolidated list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended for special accreditation to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)[a]

Total number of organizations: 33

Architecture Sans Frontières (ASF)
Sweden
E-mail: info@arkitekterutangranser.se
Website: www.arkitekterutangranser.se

Ax:son Johnson Foundation
Sweden
Tel: +46 8 788 50 50
E-mail: info@axsonjohnsonstiftelsen.se
Website: www.axsonjohnsonfoundation.org

Cities Alliance
Belgium
Tel: +32 2 880 40 88
E-mail: info@citiesalliance.org
Website: www.citiesalliance.org

Colegio Nacional de Jurisprudencia Urbanística (CNJUR)
Mexico
Tel: +52 222 429 8795
E-mail: pablo.aguilar@cnjur.org
Website: www.cnjur.org

Compass Housing Services Co. Ltd
Australia
Tel: +61 2 920 2600
E-mail: reception@compasshousing.org
Website: www.compasshousing.org

Connections for Afghanistan Research and Prosperity Organization (CARPO)
Afghanistan
Tel: +93 20 22 32 553
E-mail: info@carpo.af
Website: www.carpo.af

El-Amel Association for Social Development
Algeria
Tel: +961 1 317 293
E-mail: mselougha@yahoo.fr / info@amel.org.lb
Website: http://amelassociation.com/

[a] Excludes organizations accredited with the Economic and Social Council.

Fédération Nationale des Agences d'Urbanisme (FNAU)
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Website: www.fnau.org

Global Parliamentarians on Habitat
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E-mail: gponhabitat@gmail.com

GRET
France
Tel: +33 1 70 91 92 00
E-mail: gret@gret.org
Website : www.gret.org

Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF)
Netherlands
Tel: +52 155 5103 37 99 / +52 177 7254 0518
E-mail: hpf@telmexmail.com

International Accountability Project
United States of America
Tel: +1 510 281 9024
E-mail: ryan@accountabilityproject.org
Website: www.accountabilityproject.org

International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
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Tel: +32 02 673 61 00
E-mail: jerome.pourbaix@uitp.org / info@uitp.org
Website: www.uitp.org

Institute of Development Re

search and Development Policy
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Tel: +49 234 32 22418
E-mail: ieeoffice@rub.de
Website: www.development-research.org

Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil
Brazil
Tel: +55 21 2557 4480
E-mail: iab@iab.org.br / vicepresidente.administrativo@iabrj.org.br
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Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
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Tel: +1 617 661 3016
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Website: www.lincolninst.edu

The Municipal Art Society of New York
United States of America
Tel: +1 212 935 3960
E-mail: info@mas.org
Website: www.mas.org

Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD)
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E-mail: nrg4sd@nrg4sd.org
Website: www.nrg4sd.org

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Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)
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Sahkar Social Welfare Association
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Shack Dwellers International (SDI)
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Shelter and Settlements Alternatives: Uganda Human Settlements Network
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Urban Institute
United States of America
Tel: +1 202 833 7200
E-mail: publicaffairs@urban.org
Website: www.urban.org

Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Tel: +44-161-819-1200
E-mail: mike.bird@wiego.org
Website: www.wiego.org

Zimbabwe United Nations Association
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Tel: +263 773 335 487
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Website: www.wfuna.org/zimbabwe

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Note verbale dated 15 April 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi addressed to the secretariat of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi presents its compliments to UN-Habitat and has the honour to refer to the seating arrangements of the Palestinian delegation in the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Nairobi from Tuesday, 14 April, to Thursday, 16 April 2015.

Israel would like to reiterate the position expressed by the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations on 29 November 2012, in the context of the adoption of General Assembly resolution 67/19, as well as in the Security Council on 23 January 2013, that Israel regrets and objects to the use of the misleading terminology "State of Palestine" and to the Palestinian participation in this meeting under that title. It is counterproductive to use this term when no such State exists and when such a State can only be established, as has been affirmed repeatedly by the international community and agreed between the parties, through direct negotiations. In this regard, Israel asks that the present statement be noted in the official record of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

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Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) on the work of its second session

Rapporteur: Mr. Mamadou Mbodj (Senegal)

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 69/226 of 19 December 2014, the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) held its second session from 14 to 16 April 2015 at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. The Committee held six plenary meetings and four meetings of its working group.

II. Organization of work

A. Opening of the session

2. The second session was opened on Tuesday, 14 April 2015, by Maryse Gautier (France), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee. The Committee proceeded to elect María Duarte, Minister of Urban Development and Housing (Ecuador), as its Co-Chair, to replace Diego Aulestia, former Minister of Urban Development and Housing (Ecuador).

3. Opening statements were made by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the Cabinet Secretary for Land, Housing and Urban Development of Kenya, in his capacity as representative of the host country.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 April 2015, the Preparatory Committee elected Elena Szolgayova (Slovakia) as Vice-Chair to replace Csaba Kőrösi (Hungary) and Jaime Silva (Chile) as Vice-Chair to replace Barbara Richards (Chile). Thus, the officers of the Committee at its second session were as follows:

Co-Chairs:
María Duarte (Ecuador)
Maryse Gautier (France)

Vice-Chairs:
Eric Miangar (Chad)
Jaime Silva (Chile)
Daniela Grabmüllerová (Czech Republic)
Tania Roediger-Vorwerk (Germany)
Purnomo A. Chandra (Indonesia)
Mamadou Mbodj (Senegal) (also designated as Rapporteur)
Elena Szolgayova (Slovakia)
MajidHasan Al-Suwaidi (United Arab Emirates)

C. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for its second session, on the basis of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.226/PC.2/1), as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
4. Preparations for the Conference.
5. Organizational matters:
   (a) Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference;
   (b) Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).
6. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda.
7. Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session.
10. Conclusion of the session.

6. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided that its working group on operational and administrative matters, established at its first session, should consider the following agenda items: item 4 (Preparations for the Conference), item 5 (a) (Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, document A/CONF.226/PC.2/2), item 5 (b) (Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), document A/CONF.226/PC.2/3) and item 7 (Arrangements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee) over the course of four meetings. The Preparatory Committee also designated Vice-Chair Tania Roediger-Vorwerk (Germany) to serve as Chair of the working group to replace Majid Hasan Al-Suwaidi (United Arab Emirates).

D. Organizational matters

7. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered a list of 33 non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended by the secretariat for special accreditation to the preparatory process and Habitat III (see A/CONF.226/PC.2/4) and a related draft decision submitted by the Co-Chairs through which the accreditation of those 33 organizations would be approved (A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.1). The Committee adopted the draft decision. Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Argentina, Algeria, Egypt, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

E. Attendance

8. The second session of the Preparatory Committee was attended by representatives of 97 States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Representatives of intergovernmental and United Nations system organizations, non-governmental organizations and other major groups also attended. A list of participants is contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/INF/1.[1]

F. Preparations for the Conference

9. At the 1st plenary meeting, the Secretary-General of the Conference reported on the activities undertaken by the secretariat in preparation for the Conference. He also provided a briefing on work to be carried out in the period between April 2015 and the opening of the Conference.

G. Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda

10. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 6. Five representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme presented 22 issue papers produced by United Nations system bodies regarding six subject areas for the new urban agenda: social cohesion and equity – liveable cities; spatial development; urban frameworks; urban economy; urban ecology and environment; and urban housing and basic services.

11. At the same meeting, statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt and the United States of America.

12. Also at the same meeting, statements during the general exchange of views[2] were made by Alejandro Nieto Enriquez, Vice-Minister of Urban Planning of Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the representative of the European Union.

13. At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 14 April, statements were made by Maria Duarte, Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador; Morais Guy, Minister for Works and Housing of Jamaica; Sam Engola, Minister of State for Housing of Uganda; Kisaburo Ishii, Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Hokkaido Development of Japan; Alejandro Nieto Enriquez, Vice-Minister of Urban Planning of Mexico; and the representatives of Argentina, Burkina Faso, Chile, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Lesotho, Myanmar, Norway, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Turkey, the United States and Zambia.

14. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the non-governmental organization Metropolis – World Association of the Major Metropolises.

15. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 April, statements were made by Mukhtar Abdulkarim Adam, State Minister of Environment, Forestry and Physical Development of the Sudan; Zou Kota-Fredericks, Deputy Minister of Human Settlements of South Africa (on behalf of South Africa and thereafter on behalf of the States members of the African Union); and the representatives of Bahrain, Brazil, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Cuba, Madagascar, Nepal, Nigeria, Paraguay, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

16. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization, the International Labour Organization, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (on behalf of the five United Nations regional commissions) and the World Food Programme.

17. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the following non-governmental organizations: World Vision International, the International Society of City and Regional Planners, PAX Romana (also on behalf of the children and youth major group), the Habitat International Coalition and United Cities and Local Governments.

18. At the 4th plenary meeting, on 15 April, a statement was made by the representative of Chad.

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[1] To be issued.

[2] Statements that were provided to the Secretariat are available from https://papersmart.unon.org/prepcom2.

19. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

20. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the following non-governmental organizations: Habitat for Humanity International, the International Federation of Building and Wood Workers, the International Union of Architects, the Huairou Commission, Action Aid, the Habitat Professionals Forum, the American Planning Association, the World Future Council Foundation and the European Cyclists' Federation.

21. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 16 April, the Preparatory Committee concluded its general exchange of views under agenda item 6 and heard statements by Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany; Mii Lantey Vander Puye, Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development of Ghana; Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Minister of Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government of Malaysia; Ján Ilavský, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of Slovakia; and the representatives of Algeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Morocco and Senegal.

22. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of the United Nations University, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

23. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the following non-governmental organizations: the Colegio Nacional de Jurisprudencia Urbanística; the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing; Shack Dwellers International; Réseau d'Échanges Stratégiques pour une Afrique Urbaine Durable; the New School for Public Engagement; Cities Alliance; and the University of Pennsylvania.

H. Other matters

24. At the 6th plenary meeting, on 16 April, under agenda item 8, "Other matters", a statement was made by the representative of Brazil. The Co-Chair (France) took note of the statement.

I. Report of the working group on administrative and operational matters

25. At the 6th plenary meeting, Mr. Franz Marré (Germany) presented a report on behalf of the Chair of the working group on administrative and operational matters on the outcome of the group discussions. The working group held four meetings over the course of the second session and made recommendations on one draft resolution and two draft decisions to be adopted under agenda item 4 (see sect. L below). The Committee took note of the oral report presented on behalf of the Chair of the working group.

J. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session

26. At the 6th plenary meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the second session of the Preparatory Committee as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.3.

27. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representative of the United States and the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee.

28. The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its second session and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report in collaboration with the secretariat in the light of the proceedings of the session.

K. Conclusion of the session

29. At the 6th plenary meeting, concluding statements were made by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference.

30. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the European Union, Indonesia and the United States.

31. The second session of the Preparatory Committee was closed by the Co-Chair (France).

L. Decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee

32. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted draft decision A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.1 on accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and its preparatory process.

33. At its 6th plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted a draft resolution on preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/CRP.2; a draft decision on accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Conference and its preparatory process as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.1; a draft decision submitted by Ecuador and Indonesia on the dates and venue of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and dates of the Conference as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.2; and a draft decision on preparations for the Conference as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/CRP.1.

34. The resolution and decisions are set out in annex I to the present report.

Annex I

Resolution and decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) at its second session

Resolution

1/2015 Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/226 of 19 December 2014, and in particular its paragraphs 11 and 17,

Taking note of the proposed thematic areas, issue papers being developed and policy units to be established in the context of the preparations for its third session, bearing in mind that additional issue papers may be developed,

Acknowledging that the issue papers as well as the outputs of policy units are intended to serve as informative technical inputs for consideration by participating States[a] during their deliberations in preparation of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to make all possible efforts, in collaboration with relevant United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to publish all the issue papers on the Conference website as soon as possible, and no later than 31 May 2015, and provide translations of the issue papers, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;

2. *Invites* participating States[a] to transmit to the Secretary-General of the Conference written comments on the final issue papers from the secretariat, preferably by the end of June 2015, to be followed by the consultative process to be undertaken involving stakeholders, including local authorities and their associations, in July 2015; all comments will be published on the Conference website immediately upon receipt by the Secretariat to ensure full transparency;

3. *Calls upon* participating States to support the work of the policy units, including by nominating suitably qualified technical experts to compose them, with a view to facilitating the elaboration of policy recommendations which may contribute, together with the inputs from broad regional and thematic consultations among all stakeholders, to the work to be undertaken by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee in preparing the draft outcome document of the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference, in close consultation with the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, in selecting technical experts to compose each policy unit, to keep a balance between Government-nominated technical experts and others, and to be guided by the need for equitable geographical representation and gender balance;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to make available for comments, as early as possible but by no later than the end of December 2015, on the Conference website, the final outputs of the policy units, and to notify participating States and all accredited stakeholders accordingly;

6. *Invites* participating States and all accredited stakeholders to transmit their comments in relation to paragraph 5 above to the Secretary-General of the Conference by no later than January 2016 and *requests* the Secretary-General to publish these comments on the Conference website;

7. *Requests* the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, in preparing the draft outcome document, to take into account the comments received;

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[a] According to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 67/216, participating States are all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

8. *Encourages* the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee to distribute to all participating States, as early as possible and no later than six months in advance of the Conference, the draft outcome document of the Conference;

9. *Decides* to take into account, at its third session, in its deliberations on the draft outcome document, inputs from informal consultations to be convened in New York, while respecting the mandate foreseen in paragraph 17 of resolution 69/226.

Decisions

1/2015 Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban development (Habitat III) and its preparatory process

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 69/226 of 19 December 2014,

Decides to approve the recommendation of the Secretariat for the special accreditation to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III) and its preparatory process of the 33 non-governmental organizations and other major groups listed in the annex to the note by the Secretariat.[b]

2/2015 Dates and venue of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and dates of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraphs 7 and 8 (d) of General Assembly resolution 69/226,

1. *Endorses* the proposal of Government of Indonesia that the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) be held in Jakarta from 25 to 27 July 2016;

2. *Also endorses* the proposal of the Government of Ecuador that Habitat III be held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016.

3/2015 Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

The Preparatory Committee

Invites the General Assembly at its seventieth session to discuss the most appropriate way, including the possibility of convening an extraordinary session of the Preparatory Committee, to advance negotiations on the outstanding issues in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), including the draft provisional rules of procedure,[c] arrangements for the accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in Habitat III,[d] as well as other issues that might arise in the interim period, and the proposals of the Secretary-General of the Conference on improved participation of local authorities and other stakeholders in the preparatory process and the Conference itself, building on the positive experience enabled by the rules of procedure and inclusive modalities of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in order for the measures put in place to be effective at the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

[b] A/CONF.226/PC.2/4.

[c] See A/CONF.226/PC.2/2.

[d] See A/CONF.226/PC.2/3.

Annex II

Documents issued for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

A/CONF.226/PC.2/1. Provisional agenda and annotations

A/CONF.226/PC.2/2. Draft provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

A/CONF.226/PC.2/3. Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

A/CONF.226/PC.2/4. Arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development

A/CONF.226/PC.2/5. Note verbale dated 15 April 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi addressed to the secretariat of UN-Habitat

A/CONF.226/PC.2/6. Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) on the work of its second session

A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.1. Draft decision on accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the preparatory process and the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and its preparatory process

A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.2. Draft decision on dates and venue of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and dates of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.3. Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat II) on the work of its second session

A/CONF.226/PC.2/CRP.1. Draft resolution on preparations for the Conference

A/CONF.226/PC.2/CRP.2. Draft decision on preparations for the Conference

A/CONF.226/PC.2/INF.1. List of participants